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Too eager for renown and fame
I left my home, in search of gain;
to sail unto, some distant shore
All for my fortune to deplore.

I had not saild but a short space
when was stop'd; with one of the finnid Rowes,
We strove in vain, our ship to save
but left her. (in Boats.) to shun our Graves.

But soon after leaving our ship. (or home)
on a short, abowence, were force'd to come;
In two small boats with sixteen in number
all arriv'd at Flores, which is a great wonder.

~~From Days, byt eight, nights, were floted
on the Briny sea, by Gods supported~~

The wind and Rain, in torrents come,
and streams of lightning, round us run;
Seven days, and eight long nights, were floted
on the Briny sea, by God supported.

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A Journal of a Voyage from Nantucket
towards the Brazil bank and elsewhere
Kept by Edmund Gardner on Board Ship Union

Remarks on Board Thursday September the 17th 1807
First part fresh Breezes from WNW middle and
latter part light breezes from WSW at 10 A.M. weigh'd
Anchor with moderate breezes from WSW steard N by E
for the point so ends these 24 hours

Remarks on Board Friday September the 18th 1807
First part light at 5 P.M. light house bore SW
distance two leagues wind veard to the S by W took a ship
and came within the point and ^{at 7 A.M.} came too in 7 fathoms
water with point light bearing SE and Brand-point
light South middle and latter part light breezes and
Calms all hands employ'd in Clearing Decks so ends

Remarks on Board Saturday September the 19th 1807
These 24 hours began with Calm at 3 P.M. weigh'd anchor
with fine breeze from SW at 6 P.M. light house bore N by S
distance 2 leagues from which I take my Departure being
in Latitude $41^{\circ} 22' N$ Longitude $69^{\circ} 58' W$ middle and latter
part saw several fishing vessels had fine breezes from SSW to
SE Cours E by S so ends Latitude by Obs $41^{\circ} 51' N$ Longt. $68^{\circ} 22' W$

Remarks on Board Sunday September the 20th 1807
First part begins with fresh breezes from S by W to S by E hove
ed top gallant sails and 2 reef'd topsails at 6 P.M. hove'd
main sail Sib and mizen topsail middle part more moderate
set sail at 8. AM set main top gallant sail at 10 was borded
by an English 74 four days from Halifax Bound into the Chesipe
after examining papers permitted us to proceed so ends Latt. $41^{\circ} 49' N$ Long $66^{\circ} 52'$

Remarks on Board Monday September the 21st 1807
First and middle part fine breezes wind from S by W Cours
ESE latter part squalls of Rain employed in Quailing lines
and fitting Boats so ends Latitude by Obs 41° 46' N Long 64° 52'

Remarks on Board Tuesday September the 22nd 1807
All these 24 hours moderate breezes from S by E we going
E by S employed in Quailing lines and getting Boats in Ready
ness so ends Latitude by Obs 42° 2' N Longitude 63° 16' W Variation 9° 52' W

Remarks on Board Wednesday September the 23rd 1807
First part small breezes saw a sail to the SE middle part
Calm latter part saw plenty of Black Fish lower'd
Boats got two at 11 A.M. spoke ship Name of Wescapet 50
Days from Liverpool so end Latitude by Obs 42° 34' N Long 62° 40' W

Remarks on Board Thursday September the 24th 1807
First part light breezes from South we going ESE employed
in setting up Riggins at 6 P.M. saw a sail to the SE middle part
wind shifted to the NW latter part set studding sails with
fine breezes and fair wether so end Lat 42° 25' N Long 60° 58' W

Remarks on Board Friday September the 25th 1807
All these 24 hours fine breezes from NW to WNW Cours ESE saw
two Schooners standing to the westward so end Lat 41° 49' Long 58° 00' W

Remarks on Board Saturday September the 26th 1807
All these 24 hours fine breezes from WNW Cours ESE at 4
P.M. Saw two Brigs standing to the westward and a Ship steering
E by S so end with fine breezes Latitude 41° 16' N Longitude 55° 00' W

Remarks on Board Sunday September the 27th 1807
All these 24 hours fine breezes from WNW to north Cours
ESE so end with fresh breezes Latitude by Obs 40° 40' N Long 51° 54' W

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Remarks on Board Monday September the 28th 1807
First part strong wind from NNE at 6 P.M. hended Jib
and mizen topsail at 11 P.M. hended mainsail and sent
down top gallant yards at 2 A.M. Clove Reafed main topsail
and hended fore topsail strong gales from the NNE Cours
ESE latter part more moderate set fore topsail wind from
North so ends Latitude by Obs 40.16 N Longitude 49.28 West

Remarks on Board Tuesday September the 29th 1807
First part heard gales and squally at 5 P.M. hended
fore top sail wind N by E Cours ESE had some Rain latter
Part heard gales and squally wind NW by N Lat. 39.40 Long 46.38

Remarks on Board Wednesday September the 30th 1807
First part these 24 hours more moderate set fore topsail
wind NW Cours ESE middle part let a Reef out of each topsail
and steered ESE latter part set jib and mizen topsail
and mainsail had a heavy swell from NW so ends Lat 38.40 Long 44.44

Remarks on Board Thursday October the 1st 1807
First part fine breezes from NW by N Cours E by S at 4 P.M.
set topmast Studdingsail at 6 P.M. sent up main top G yard
had fine breezes with a heavy swell from NW at 10 P.M.
we were sailing at the rate of 7 knots when the Ship struck
on a Whale (supposed to be a sperm Whale) This was on the starboard
Bow teen or twelve feet from the stem and 7 from the
lower deck I then got upon the ships stern and saw the
Fish spout then ordering the pumps to be Riged and
after pumping some time was confident that the Ship had
sprang a leak I then summoned all hands on deck took
in studding sail hended top gallant sail and Clewed up
Topsails and hove the ship too keep & both pumps 52

Going I then had the fore peak cleared of shooks as there
I could here the water come in. after clearing that could
not come at the leaks we then made preparation to clear
the hole and after hoisting six or eight casks found the
Water to be over the ground tear casks in the mean time
I went into the fore peak with a lanthorn and ax and
with much difficulty by cutting the bulkhead got three
casks into the fore peak so that I could see a part of the
leak there being one streak of the ceiling two timbers
and a cask in the hole that I could see was broken by
This time it was evident the leak could not be stop'd
the water increasing at so great a rate and both pumps
to work the water in the hole had now got above the wound
I then went on deck stop'd hoisting casks and pumping
had the boats got in Readyness with a cask of water in
one and Bread in the other and with much composure fitted
Boats with every thing necessary for our Voyage at 12 P.M.
lower'd down boats and veard them to the leward of the ship
with a warp my self mate and five others stay'd on Board
got out stern Boat and got into her with the end of a
Whale line and veard to leward when I left the ship the water
had got between the decks had a heavy swell from N.W and in
an hour after I left her she upset I then thought it advisable
to man two boats and let the other go as it was difficult to
keep together with three after taking eight men in each Boat
we then kept before the wind untill morn'd it being very rug-
ged. we then with maintop & Rial made a sail for each Boat
and proceeded on for a flourish at 10 A.M. saw a schooner to the
Northward of us but could not get to her so end with strong wind
Cours East \varnothing Compass Latt by $66^{\circ} 38' 40''$ Long $41^{\circ} 52'$ West

Remarks on Board Friday October the 2^d 1807 [5]
these 24 hours begins with fresh gales from the westward Course
East at 8 P.M. wind increases, & greatly so that we could not
run it being so dark and squally with thunder and lightn-
ing we then struck our sails and lay too to the mercy of the
seas (or God) In a short time after a sea broke into my
Boat and was oblig'd to lighten her with letting out the most
of our water and throwing the the most of our Cloths into
sea. We lay too with thirty fathoms of waps from the head
of one boat to the stern of the other - By the preservation
of God after passing a very uncomfortable night the light of
the morn appeared which was never more exceptable to mankind
the wind had moderate and seas abated by the rain falling
in abundance the wind had in course of the night shifted
to the N^{by}W^{ly} ~~the~~ thunder had cleared the atmosphere the
wether appeared to be settled so end Latitude by Obs 39.4 N Long. 40.00 W

Remarks on Board Saturday October the 3^d 1807
All these 24 hours fresh gales and squally middle part tied
Boats together and drifted untill morn then set sail and
steard East this day found that our store of water was so
much exhausted that we came on an absence of three quarts
for sixteen men for 24 hours and one cake of Bread so end
with fresh gales from N^{by}W^{ly} Latitude 39.19 N Longitude 39.5 W

Remarks on Board Sunday October the 4th 1807
All these 24 hours fresh gales from N^NW^{ly} Course East middle
part had very hard squalls with rain at 3 A.M. tied boats
together and lay too at 6 A.M. set sail and steard East with
strong wind from N^NW^{ly} so end these 24 hours Latitude by Obs
39.40 N Longitude 36.35 West

Remarks on Board Monday October the 5th 1807
first part fresh gales from North middle and latter part
moderate gales Cours East Latitude $39^{\circ}29'$ N Longitude $35^{\circ}25'$ W

Remarks on Board Tuesday October the 6th 1807
All these 24 hours fine moderate breeze from North Cours
Ely's so ends Latitude by Obs $39^{\circ}46'$ N Longitude $33^{\circ}44'$ West

Remarks on Board Wednesday October the 7th 1807
all these 24 hours fine moderate breezes from North
Cours Ely's at 12 midnight tied boats together and drifted
untill 4 A.M. then set sail and went from East to ESE wind
from North to NNE so ends Latitude by Obs $39^{\circ}36'$ N Long $32^{\circ}33'$ W

Remarks on Board Thursday October the 8th 1807
First part these 24 hours begins with moderate breezes from
NNE at 4 P.M. with Joy and thanks to our maker saw Flores
bearing Ely's the north part at 8 P.M. Got to the leeward of the
Land wind NE all the middle and latter part had it very squally
from off the land at 9 A.M. landed at St Cruz the principle
town on the Island of Flores when we arriv'd there was no water
in neither boat we had bin in boats Seven Days and eight nights
but all arriv'd in much better spirits than could have bin
expected But got much refresh'd after having some repose
Tied natur sweet restorer Balma sleep [Night thoughts]
was respectfully received by Governor Consul &c so ends

Remarks on Board Friday October the 9th 1807
All these 24 hours fine wether and moderate breeze
from east at 9 A.M. saw sail to the eastward of the Island
With english Colours send the Day with pleasant wether

Remarks on Saturday October the 10th 1807
 First and middle part light breezes and Calms boat
 came on shore from the English higger from Jersey for
 a supply of water they informd us that 4 Days previous to their
 touching here they spoke an American ship from Lisbon
 that informd them that Bonapart was marching his forces
 against Portugal that they were making all preparation with
 Navy to and it was thought likely that the prince would ret-
 ire to the Brazil for an asylum so end with wind from SW

Remark on Sunday October the 11th 1807
 All these 24 hours thick rainy with wind from NE to ESE

Remarks on Monday October the 12th 1807
 First and middle part wind from ESE with plenty of Rain
 latter part wind from WSW to south this day arrivd sloop from
 Fayal brought the following intelligence that there had bin very heavie
 earth quakes so that the Inhabitents slept in Cottages so end

Remarks on Tuesday October the 13th 1807 First and
 middle part fresh breeze from south to SW with some Rain
 saw a sail to the eastward of the Island latter part wind from
 WNW sail still in sight so end the day with brisk breezes

Remarks on Wednesday October the 14th 1807 First part wind
 from NW Latter part wind from the southward Brig arrivd
 from Fayal likewise saw one near Carvo so ends the day

Remarks on Thursday October the 15th 1807 First and midd-
 le part fine wether sloop saild for Fayal latter part strong
 wind from the westward and plenty of Rain A Brig from
 Ternouf went to sea so end the day

Remarks on Friday October the 16th 1807 First part
thick wether with rain latter part fine wether & schooner
arrivd from Fayal wind NW this day employd in making
& Rudder for the Consuls Brig there was none belonging to
the place that could make one spend the day

Remarks on Saturday October the 17th 1807 First part
fine wether employd in making Rudder latter part wind NW
and from that to east the Brig that was driven to sea came
in so end with moderate breezes from the Eastward

Sunday October the 18th 1807 these 24 hours wind SE this day
Boats was sold at publick action for 288 with oars belonging
so end this day with plenty of Rain

Monday October the 19th 1807 this day wind from SE with
rain this day being the tenth since my anoculation with the
kind pox finde my self quite unwell and no passage so end

Tuesday October the 20th 1807 all these 24 hours wind SE
with thick Rainy wether so ends with a treaty in part for
a passage from this date untill the 15th of November had
Nothing worth Remark but disappointments to get from here

Saturday November the 15th 1807 I went on Board a port-
agues yacht with my mates and seven other of my crew 2 days
Previous seven embarkd on Board a Brig for Lisbon so end

Monday November the 16th First part got all on Board
and at 5 P.M. set sail with fine breezes from NW so end

Tuesday November the 17th First part saw Fayal middle
and latter part light breezes and Calm so end Land 3 League dit

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Wednesday November the 18th First Calm gat out one of
Boats Mr. Greaves and another passenger my self and mate
with a Boats Crew Rowd to a place could port pin being
the south side of the town of Fayal from thence went
with Mr. Greaves to his house next day waited on Mr. John
B Dabney Consul General for the United States of America

Thursday walked and viewd the town and concluded to
Take my lodgings at the house of William Greaves so end

Friday November the 20th this day fine pleasant wether
Mr. Greaves and formerly invited to take tea with the
Nuns at the Convent I likewise had an invitation which
I excepted I saw many of them some of them in the habit
of Novisses (as they term) them) that is before they take
the sacred veil one of them told me she had bin in the Conve
nt 48 years. they all appeared to be in good spirits but
many of them there Countanances much altered by there
longe confinement; which could not other wise ben expected
there was between three and four hundred in the Convent
and I am told as many in another Convent so end

Saturday November the 21st this day saw nothing very
remarkable walkd to the market which abounds with fish
of divers sorts and fruit of many kinds so ends

Sunday November the 22nd this day went to several Chu
rches which are all of ter the church of Rome I likewise
went to the Churches belonging to the Convents of Nuns where
I saw them all. there are five Convents in this town three
of Friers, and two of Nuns, there are 3 publick Churches and
Seven others